

APPENDIX Q

THE MILITARY LANGUAGE JUNGLE

Many terms and names used in military publications and speeches are confusing and hard to understand by those unfamiliar with “military talk.” To simplify communication, the military also uses many abbreviations and acronyms. The following list may help you better understand the Arizona National Guard.

AAFES – Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

Active Duty – Full time duty in the active military service.

Active Military Installation – A post, fort or base which is in continuous use by an active duty component, such as Fort Huachuca, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Luke Air Force Base, Yuma Proving Grounds, and the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma.

ADT – Active Duty for Training. This means any full time duty for training purposes, including annual training, military school attendance, and military conferences.

AFB – Air Force Base.

AGR – Active Guard Reserve. National Guard and Reservists who are on full-time active duty solely to provide support to the reserve units.

Allotment – The amount of military pay that is sent to another person, bank, or credit union. The military person determines the actual amount of allotment him or herself.

ANG – Air National Guard

Appropriated Fund – An authorization by an Act of the U.S. Congress to incur obligations for specified purposes and to make disbursements for them from the U. S. Treasury. This includes authorizations to create obligations in advance of appropriations or other fund authority.

AR – Army Regulation

ARNG – Army National Guard

AT – Annual Training. The minimum period of active duty training each reservist performs every year to satisfy the annual training requirements. This is usually 12-15 days per year.

ATA – Additional Training Assembly. A meeting beyond normal unit assemblies designed specifically for training preparation.

AWOL – Absent Without Leave. To be away from assigned military duty without proper authorization.

Battery – A group of weapons or artillery support equipment such as mortars, artillery pieces, launchers, searchlights or target acquisition equipment under one tactical commander in certain areas. A battery is below a battalion.

BDE – Brigade. A tactical and administrative unit composed of a headquarters, one or more units of infantry or armor, and supporting units.

Bn – Battalion. A military unit composed of a headquarters and two or more companies, batteries, or similar units.

BT – Basic Training. The training in basic combat and military subjects given to newly inducted and enlisted service personnel with no prior military service.

BX – Base Exchange. A department store on an Air Force Base.

CDR – Commander. This may refer to a commander at any level within the Army system, i.e., company, battalion, brigade, etc.

CHAMPUS – Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services. The medical insurance coverage for full-time active duty soldiers and their families who may not be geographically located near a military installation's medical facility.

Co – Company. The basic administrative and tactical unit in the Army. A Company is below a battalion and above a platoon.

Commissary – A grocery store on an active military installation where soldiers and their families can purchase food and beverages at prices usually lower than those in civilian stores.

CY – Calendar Year. From January 1st to December 31st.

DA – Department of the Army.

DEERS – Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System. An enrollment reporting system that verifies a reserve member's eligibility for medical coverage through a military medical facility or CHAMPUS.

DEMA – Department of Emergency and Military Affairs.

Dependent – The husband or wife who is not in the military; minor children; other relatives who are dependent upon the military sponsor for support.

Deployment – Relocation of forces, equipment, and supplies to other areas away from the unit's home station.

DOB – Date of Birth

DOR – Date of Rank. Effective date of the last promotion.

Drill – A period of training usually referred to as a weekend (two days) drill.

ETS – Expiration of term of service. The date that a reserve member's military obligation is completed.

FAC – Family Assistance Center. This is a facility where families can go for assistance when their sponsor is mobilized.

FAMILY READINESS GROUP – Individuals who have joined together to provide support to other military families during times of need.

Flight – A numbered flight is the lowest level unit in the Air Force. A flight primarily incorporates smaller elements into an organized unit. Its administrative characteristics, such as strength reporting, are like those of a squadron.

FTX – Field Training Exercise.

FY – Fiscal Year. The military year which runs from October 1st to September 30th.

Group – (Air Force) A level of command below the wing. A group is a tactical echelon without significant staff support. A group usually has two or more subordinate units. A group has approximately 500-2,000 persons.

Home Station – The assigned permanent location or assembly point in peacetime of reserve component units.

HQ – Headquarters. The executive or administrative elements of a command unit.

IADT/IET – Initial Active Duty Training/Initial Entry Training. All phases of training before receiving a military job skill.

IDT – Inactive Duty Training. Authorized training performed by reserve members not on active duty, or active duty for training, such as monthly weekend drill assemblies.

ITO – Invitational Travel Order. A set of orders usually for civilians inviting them to participate in a military function or training, which assists in reimbursement for, travels expenses.

JAG – Judge Advocate General. A military attorney (legal help).

KISS – To touch with the lips in affection. A good thing for husbands and wives to do as often as possible. In military jargon when planning or organizing an event/activity, to “**Kee**P** **It Simple Student”.****

M-Day – Mobilization Day. The day the Secretary of Defense directs mobilization to begin based on a decision by the President, the Congress, or both.

MOS – Military Occupational Specialty. A reservist’s specific military job skill identifier.

Mobilization – When military units and individual soldiers are ordered to active duty in the event of war or other national emergency (deployment). Upon this occurrence the reservists and their families become part of the active military forces.

MUTA – Multiple Unit Training Assembly. This term normally has a number with it (for example, MUTA-4). It refers to the number of consecutive unit training assemblies of which each is four hours in length. MUTA-2 would be eight or more consecutive hours of training.

NGR – National Guard Regulation

Nonappropriated funds – These are cash and other assets received by nonappropriated fund instrumentalities from sources other than Congressional appropriation; primarily from the sale of goods and services to Department of Defense Military, their dependents and authorized civilian. These funds are used to support or provide essential morale, recreational, and certain religious and educational programs.

OJT – On the job training

PCS – Permanent Change of Station. Reassignment of military personnel from one permanent station to another.

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Platoon – A subdivision of a company sized military unit normally consisting of two or more squads or sections.

PX – Post Exchange. A department store on an Army post.

Ready Reserve – Units and unit members soldiers of the reserve component and individuals liable for involuntary call to active duty in time of war or a national emergency as authorized by law and declared by the Congress or the President.

Reserve Technician – A civilian employee of the National Guard, normally a military member of the unit for which employed, but also working full-time in this civil service capacity in order to provide a day to day support and continuity of operations.

RST – Rescheduled Training. Training placed on the unit-training schedule for subsections of the reserve unit or for individuals at a time, date, and location other than the regular scheduled unit training assembly.

Selected Reserve – Part of the Ready Reserve of each military Reserve Component consisting of units and individuals who participate actively in paid training periods and serve on paid active duty for training each year.

SGLI – Servicemen's Group Life Insurance. A low cost term life insurance program. (\$16.00 for \$200,000 coverage)

Soldier's and Sailor's Relief Act – A Federal law that provides civil and legal protection of debts and property for members of the Armed Forces who have been mobilized by suspending the enforcement of certain civil liberties.

Squad – A small organized group of military personnel (a tactical unit that can be easily directed in the field)

Squadron – The squadron is the basic unit in the Air Force. A squadron may either be a mission unit, such as an operational flying squadron, or a functional unit such as a civil engineer, security forces, or transportation squadron. Squadrons vary in size according to responsibility. A squadron has approximately 50 to 750 persons.

STARC – State Area Command. The National Guard headquarters for each respective state. This headquarters will be responsible for family assistance at the time of partial or full mobilization.

Sure Pay – The Army's term for sending the soldiers pay to a financial institution by direct deposit.

TAG – The Adjutant General

TDY – Temporary Duty. Many times in conjunction with travel to a different training site.

TPU – Troop Program Unit. A reserve component unit which participates in a monthly weekend drill program, including 12-15 days of annual training.

UA – Unit Administrator. These are civilian or military employees assigned to full-time support of the reserve unit.

UTA – Unit Training Assembly. An authorized and scheduled training assembly of not less than four hours duration. There is one retirement point and one day's pay earned for each completed UTA.

Uniformed Services Medical Facility – A military hospital.

USAR – United States Army Reserve. A federal force, consisting of individual reinforcements, combat, combat support, and training type units. The Army Reserve is organized and maintained to provide military training in peacetime and reservoir of trained units and individual reservists to be ordered to active duty in the event of war or a national emergency.

VA – Veterans Administration

WING – A level of command below the Numbered Air Force. A wing has approximately 1,000 to 5,000 persons. A wing may be either an operational wing, an air base wing, or a specialized mission wing.